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UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH

October 25, 2026

The Season of Ordinary Time

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

God Invites Us to Worship

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Josh Coram

We Offer Prayers and Praise

CHRIST CANDLE IS LIT

A visible reminder of Christ's presence among us

CALL TO WORSHIP

Among the poor, among the proud, among the persecuted, among the privileged,

Jesus is coming to make all things new.

In the private house, in the public places, at the wedding feast, in the judgement hall,

Jesus is coming to make all things new.

With a gentle touch, with an angry word, with a clear conscience, with burning love,

Jesus is coming to make all things new.

That God's kingdom might come, that the world might believe, that the powerful might stumble,
that the hidden might be seen,

Jesus is coming to make all things new.

Within us, without us, behind us, before us, in this place, in every place, for this time and for all
times,

Jesus is coming to make all things new. Alleluia!

PRAYER FOR GOD'S SPIRIT

* HYMN

Lord Jesus, Come and Overturn # 146

(Sing to the tune TRURO #359)

God Offers Grace that Abounds

WE CONFESS AND GOD OFFERS FORGIVENESS

When we reflect on the goodness and majesty of God, we cannot help but recognize our own mortal frailty and failings. And yet, God cares for us. Emboldened by God's love, we can be honest in confession, assured already of God's grace. Let us now, in a time of silence in humility, confess before God.

Time of Silent Prayer

GOD'S GRACE DECLARED

Hear the Good News, Jesus is not ashamed to call us his beloved siblings and family. In Christ, our sins are forgiven

Thanks be to you, O Christ!

God Comes to Us through the Spirit

TIME FOR THE YOUNG & YOUNG AT HEART

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE Deuteronomy 15:7-11

⁷ Now if there are some poor persons among you, say one of your fellow Israelites in one of your cities in the land that the Lord your God is giving you, don't be hard-hearted or tightfisted toward your poor fellow Israelites. ⁸ To the contrary! Open your hand wide to them. You must generously lend them whatever they need. ⁹ But watch yourself! Make sure no wicked thought crosses your mind, such as, 'The seventh year is coming—the year of debt cancellation—so that you resent your poor fellow Israelites and don't give them anything. If you do that, they will cry out to the Lord against you, and you will be guilty of sin.' ¹⁰ No, give generously to needy persons. Don't resent giving to them because it is this very thing that will lead to the Lord your God's blessing you in all you do and work at. ¹¹ Poor persons will never disappear from the earth. That's why I'm giving you this command: you must open your hand generously to your fellow Israelites, to the needy among you, and to the poor who live with you in your land.

Luke 6:27-38

²⁷ "But I say to you who are willing to hear: Love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you.

²⁸ Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If someone slaps you on the cheek, offer the other one as well. If someone takes your coat, don't withhold your shirt either. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks and don't demand your things back from those who take them. ³¹ Treat people in the same way that you want them to treat you.

³² "If you love those who love you, why should you be commended? Even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, why should you be commended? Even sinners do that. ³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, why should you be commended? Even sinners lend to sinners expecting to be paid back in full. ³⁵ Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend expecting nothing in return. If you do, you will have a great reward. You will be acting the way children of the Most High act, for he is kind to ungrateful and wicked people.

³⁶ Be compassionate just as your Father is compassionate.

³⁷ "Don't judge, and you won't be judged. Don't condemn, and you won't be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. ³⁸ Give, and it will be given to you. A good portion—packed down, firmly

shaken, and overflowing—will fall into your lap. The portion you give will determine the portion you receive in return.”

MESSAGE A Quest for Our Time

Rev. Dr. Eileen Borduin Vanderzwan

**We Respond to God's Love with
Our Lives**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *ending with the Lord's Prayer*

We remember in prayer – Michelle Escobar in rehab, Cathy Rees's friends daughter, Lowin, Joan Bowden as she moves to Painted Post, the Buckwalter's daughter Esther & husband Marcus.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERTORY

Josh Coram

*** DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts,
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, ONE.

DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. May what we give be a reflection of our gratitude. Use us and what we have gathered to feed the world with your love through Jesus Christ, Amen

God Goes with Us into the World

*** CLOSING HYMN**

Love Divine, All Loves, Excelling # 638 vs 1, 2, 4

***CHARGE**

The goal of our lives together in Christ, as Christ's Body: Go now and share the love of Christ with each other and the world. Let us be unique and beautiful as we share the mind of Christ Jesus. Go be Light!

*** GOD'S LOVING BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

Josh Coram

Following worship today, you are invited to stay for a brief conversation with Rev Eileen. This is an opportunity to share what has been meaningful to you and offer constructive reflections as we continue to grow together in ministry.

Please join us for refreshments across the street in the Church Center immediately following the service.

Serving Today: Greeter, Bob Heineman; **Lay Leader,** Nancy Evangelista; **Flowers,** Anna McHale; **Coffee Hour,** Anna McHale; **Usher,** John Meacham; **Music,** Josh Coram; **Zoom,** Jim Ninos.

October Mission of the Month: Allegany Senior Foundation



Next Sunday, Nov. 1, is All Saints' Day and as is our tradition, during the service the names of the “Saints of UUC” and others in our lives will be read. Please send names you would like included to the church office via email (uucalfred@gmail.com), a hand written note put in the Secretary's folder in the foyer of the Church Center, or a text message to Lana (607.661.5159) by **Wednesday, October 28.**



The Next Weave Event

Wed, Nov 4, 6:30pm

Frederic Beaudry: “Shades of Green? Understanding Environmental Justice “

Melissa Jusaniec: Speaks about social and economic justice, exploring the history of the struggle for equal rights and opportunity, from women's suffrage and the Civil Rights Movement to the ongoing challenges faced by underrepresented communities.